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U. S. GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

HOUSES OF VICE SCATTERED OVER THE CITY

TERRITORIAL IMMIGRATION BUREAU IS EXONERATED

OPIUM AND ALIENS FROM LITTLER ISLES

RUSSIANS TREATED WELL; REVENUE OFFICERS INNOCENT

FORTY-SIX MATTERS HEARD BY FEDERAL INQUISITION IN FORTY-ONE DAYS OF ACTUAL WORK—24 TRUE BILLS—ONE NO BILL—21 MATTERS DROPPED—BRECKONS MOST HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED—HENDRY AND DEPUTIES REMEMBERED.

The grand jury of this court, empaneled for the April, 1910 term, began its labors on the thirteenth day of that month, and has been in session almost continuously for two months and a half, until today, the forty-first day of actual work.

The grand jury has now concluded its duties, and begs to submit herewith its final report.

Appreciation Expressed.

Before proceeding further, the jury wishes to express its appreciation of the very able and thorough work of United States District Attorney Breckons, of his ability to cross-examine witnesses, and of his deep insight into human nature, all of which makes him especially fitted for his important, and at times trying work, ably performed by him, without fear or favor. Honorable E. R. Hendry, United States Marshal, and his deputies, have shown marked efficiency in speedily producing witnesses desired, and in serving subpoenas in and out of town; to them this jury renders its sincere thanks for their hearty co-operation.

During our sessions we heard and investigated forty-six matters: found 24 true bills; one no bill; and dropped 21 matters on account of insufficient evidence, or for other important and, as it appeared to us valid reasons. Sending Obscene, Lewd, Lascivious or Filthy Matter Through The United States Mails.

Several cases of this nature were investigated during our sessions, and in three true bills were found, and in one

no bill. We cannot commend too highly the action of the federal authorities in their endeavors to ferret out this class of crimes, since we believe that the mails should be kept free from this class of matter.

Violation of the "Edmunds" Act.

A large number of cases presented to us concerned violation of this act. A very deplorable condition, in this town and others, was forcibly brought to our attention during the investigation. Assignation houses and places of immorality scattered over all parts of the city were shown to exist. A strict control of the social evil in this city seems to us to be most desirable.

We have made it a point, conscientiously, to return no indictments of offenses against this act except where the offense was of common knowledge, flagrant, open and notorious, or where the morality of the growing generation was being endangered, and existing family ties were being destroyed.

Investigation of The Local U. S. Revenue Office.

These investigations, thoroughly and carefully conducted, absorbed much of our time. We could not find any violations of existing laws, nor negligence of such a nature as to warrant indictments. We would recommend, however, that in future the accounts of the local Collector of Internal Revenue be as thoroughly audited and inspected as those of offices located on the mainland.

Bringing Aliens Into The Country Unlawfully.

We found a flagrant violation of this law, on two counts, and would suggest that the Revenue Cutter Service take note of the existing danger of having opium, merchandise and alien persons enter this country unlawfully by way of the small, uninhabited islands of this archipelago, and by means of the sundry speedy gasoline boats employed in various ways among these islands.

We have found no evidence that any of the immigrants arriving here by solicitation of the Territorial Board of Immigration were brought into this Territory in violation of any existing Federal law.

We have investigated four violations of the law bearing hereon, and have returned three indictments. We would suggest that large signs, in all languages, warning people and pointing to the existing laws, be erected, especially at those points on reservations where former or present highways enter the same, as has been already done in some cases.

This is particularly desirable as to both military and quarantine reservations, since, should trespasses occur, a denial of knowledge on the part of the person charged, that he had know-

ledge of the fact that the place was a reservation, could not be successfully maintained, and in case conviction, unquestionably a court would take into consideration the fact that proper notice had been given. It is particularly and peculiarly desirable that the law relative to these trespasses shall be rigorously and vigorously enforced. Our tropical climate, our cosmopolitan population, and the arrival of many aliens from countries where tropical diseases may be prevalent, renders it necessary from a health standpoint, the work of the United States in making our islands the stronghold, renders it necessary that the same close observations of the law relative to military reservations be maintained.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

In the one case of assault and battery which we have had to consider, it came to our attention that the county officials, in trying to make an investigation and arrest on board a United States Army transport, did not receive the cooperation of the officers in control which was necessary for the proper enforcement of the law. In view of the fact that the Territorial officials have ever held themselves in readiness to render every assistance to the officers on board these transports, as well as on board of warships, to the end that military and naval discipline may be properly observed; to the end that deserters from the vessels may be returned; and to the end that all requests of such officers are complied with, we do not hesitate to say that we believe, in the particular case which we investigated, very scant courtesy was shown the county officials. The regulations permit one of these officers to refuse to give up a man under his charge only when satisfied that he will not receive justice in the local courts. No such charge has ever been made, nor could it be successfully made, as to the courts in Honolulu.

Peonage and Condition of Russian Laborers.

At the suggestion of United States District Attorney Breckons, and in response to inquiries made by the Department of Justice at Washington, we have investigated the charge made by certain socialistic and labor organs in the United States, that Russians lately brought into this Territory were held in a condition of peonage, and were in most distressed circumstances.

After careful investigation we found that the condition of those Russians who have gone to work, either in towns or in the plantations, was superior to anything they had experienced in Siberia or Manchuria, whence they came; that most of them were satisfied; and that not one of those we saw wished to be sent back to his former home. A committee of this grand jury met Russian immigrants arriving from the Orient, before they had had an opportunity to be communicated with by local malcontents, and the promises made them in Siberia agreed in all substantial points with conditions existing in this Territory. Nowhere on the plantations could a trace of existing peonage be found. We ascertained, however, that the rumor that peonage did exist had been created among some of the local socialists through exaggerated and misleading statements made to them by a local attorney in regard to practices of the Territorial tax collectors. It has always been the custom in this Territory to collect the poll tax from passengers of all nationalities before they are boarding a steamer, and to try to detain them or their baggage if the payment of the tax is refused. The employers have not instigated this custom, nor have they ever directly benefited thereby.

In closing our report, we beg to sub-

ACCEPT THE DAM

Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell will tomorrow take or auto to Nuanuan dam to formally accept the finished contract from the dam builders. He will be accompanied by city and county officers and friends. The band will not attend.

SOLDIERS INDICTED

Territorial grand jury made partial report to Judge Cooper in circuit court this noon, indicting the two soldiers who are alleged to have assaulted and robbed a denizen of Iwilei, bruising and frightening her.

Following the return of the indictments, the members of the grand jury held consultation with Judge Cooper, in chambers, supposedly relative to their powers in the matter of the alleged attempt at bribing members of the supervisory board in re bitulthic pavement.

GEORGE WATT, PEPEKEO, DEAD

The community was greatly shocked last week on learning of the death of George Watt, the manager of the Pepekeo plantation store and postmaster of that place. He died last Thursday afternoon, after having been ill for a considerable period.

The funeral took place last Friday afternoon, the services being conducted at the residence of the deceased, Rev. W. H. Fenton Smith of the Church of the Holy Apostles officiating. A large number of friends of the deceased followed the hearse to Hilo, where others joined the procession to the grave yard.

Mr. Watt was about forty years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Scotland, but had been in Hawaii for many years. He was at one time in charge of the store of the Kahuku plantation, on Oahu, and later on entered the employ of Davies & Co. in Honolulu. He was placed in charge of the Davies & Co. store at Hana until that concern was taken over by the Hana plantation, when he entered his position at Pepekeo which he held for several years.

The deceased leaves a brother, Head Luna Hugh Watt of the Kohala plantation, a widow and six children, three of whom are boys and three girls. Watt was a man of a bright and exceedingly amiable and pleasant character, and he leaves a host of friends, both on this and on the other islands where he had lived who feel his loss greatly.—Hilo Tribune.

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mit that we join the last preceding grand jury in suggesting to the Department of Justice and the Federal Government, that the system of double witness fees be extended to this territory.

MIDDIES AND LADY DROWN IN BATH

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

ANNAPOLIS, June 29.—Midshipmen Morse and Thomas, and Mrs. Joseph Bowyer, were drowned here today while in bathing.

THREE NEW LAW DOCTORS

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CAMBRIDGE, June 29.—Harvard has bestowed the degree of Doctor of Laws on J. Pierpont Morgan, Governor Hughes and Horace Porter.

BROWNE JURY FAILS

CHICAGO, June 29.—The Browne jury has been discharged, failing to agree on a verdict. The jury stood eight to four for conviction. CHICAGO, June 16.—Judge McSorley hit hard the defense in the Lorimer senatorial bribery trial this afternoon when he held as competent the testimony State's Attorney Wayman has to offer against the accused, Lee O'Neil Browne. The court, shortly after the afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock, decided that the evidence to be offered by Representatives Beckmeyer, Link and Meyers was competent as corroborative of the charge that Representative Charles A. White was paid \$1,000 for his vote in support of William Lorimer for United States senator.

Attorneys for Browne had been fearful that such a ruling would come from the court and had prepared their defense accordingly. The decision of Judge McSorley means that testimony will go to the jury from Beckmeyer and Link to the effect that they were asked to vote for Lorimer and that after the voting at a later date Browne handed each \$1,000. State's Attorney Wayman is understood to be depending upon this evidence to substantiate the charges of White against Browne.

TAFT TO MEET TEDDY

BEVERLY, June 29.—President Taft will meet Colonel Roosevelt here tomorrow.

REFINED DROPS 10 CENTS

NEW YORK, June 29.—Refined sugar has dropped 10 cents the hundred.

LYNCHBURG, June 29.—Senator Daniel is suffering with cerebral hemorrhage and total paralysis. His death is expected.

KANSAS CITY, June 29.—Hyde has been denied a new trial.

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